

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 594
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Donald Carson on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this General Assembly should honor those estimable educators who have devoted themselves to a lifetime of meritorious service in teaching and guiding others through the rigors of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald Carson is one such extraordinary and accomplished educator and administrator who recently took his well-deserved retirement from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carson has served as an educator since 1966, when he was hired as an Instructor of Political Science and History at Kentucky Southern College; after two years with that institution, he accepted a year-long position as an Assistant Professor of Political Science with Georgetown College; and

WHEREAS, he has been an administrator since 1969, when he began five years of service with Marshall University; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Dr. Carson accepted a position with then-Memphis State University as Associate Vice President and Dean of Students; he has served the University of Memphis

ever since in a number of capacities, including Vice Provost for Enrollment Services and Vice President for Student Affairs; and

WHEREAS, upon assuming the roles of Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Enrollment Services, he began improving the quality of the programs by leaps and bounds, successfully fostering a minority student population which has experienced strong and continued growth; in addition, he has overseen tremendous growth in the adult and part-time student populations; and

WHEREAS, for eleven years, Dr. Carson has maintained fiscal responsibilities for an educational and general budget in excess of \$7.5 million, even while serving as an Adjunct Professor of Political Science; and

WHEREAS, widely recognized by his peers at the University of Memphis for his talents and leadership abilities, he served for a number of professional organizations, including the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the Southeast Chief Student Affairs Officers, the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, and the Tennessee Board of Regents, Student Affairs Sub-Council; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his dedication to professional excellence, Dr. Carson has received many honors and awards; he was named the 2002 Commencement Speaker for the University of Memphis and the 2001 Sigma Chi Fraternity's Distinguished Faculty Associate, and he was recognized with the 1990 Memphis State University Martin Luther King Human Rights Award; and

WHEREAS, he is also a member of several Honor Societies, including Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, and Golden Key; and

WHEREAS, educators and administrators such as Dr. Carson provide the foundation upon which the educational and professional framework of our society is built; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor Dr. Donald Carson for his many years of service to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we honor the most distinguished of academics and administrators, Dr.
Donald Carson, for his many years of laudable service to the State of Tennessee, salute his
commitment to excellence and high academic standards, and wish him a fulfilling and happy
retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.